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Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and Members of the Public Health Committee

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**Re: SB 1089 An Act Concerning Mental Health Services**

I am writing on behalf of my husband and myself. We reside in Norwalk, Connecticut. A few years ago there was a case of a person who took advantage of our special education department in our public schools and committed a crime by impersonating a behavior analyst. Her name was Stacy Lore and she stole countless hours away from our children with special needs.

I am asking that the committee support SB 1089 (sections 23-29) in favor of licensure for behavior analysts in the state of Connecticut. It is imperative that we establish a license for these professionals as they provide services to children and adults with special needs who don't always have a voice to advocate for themselves.

Please support licensure for behavior analysts.

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